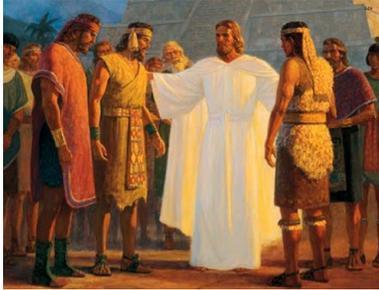


## THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

**Harmonized by Jon M. Taylor – with selected illustrations**

NOTE: Different accounts of the Sermon on the Mount as originally recorded in Matthew and Luke vary slightly, depending on differences in audience, culture, and time period. Most of this harmonized sermon is from the account of the Savior's visit to the new world as recorded in 3 Nephi, as the Book of Mormon was translated by the gift and power of God. Further refinements are given in the inspired translation of the Bible by Joseph Smith.



### 3 Nephi 12:1-26

1. . . . Blessed are ye if ye shall give heed unto the words of these twelve whom I have chosen from among you to minister unto you, and to be your servants; and unto them I have given power that they may baptize you with water; and after that ye are baptized with water, behold, I will baptize you with fire and with the Holy Ghost; therefore blessed are ye if ye shall believe in me and be baptized, after that ye have seen me and know that I am.
- 2 And again, more blessed are they who shall believe in your words because that ye shall testify that ye have seen me, and that ye know that I am. Yea, blessed are they who shall believe in your words, and come down into the depths of humility and be baptized, for they shall be visited with fire and with the Holy Ghost, and shall receive a remission of their sins.
- 3 Yea, blessed are the poor in spirit who come unto me, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 And again, blessed are all they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- 5 And blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- 6 And blessed are all they who do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled with the Holy Ghost.
- 7 And blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
- 8 And blessed are all the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- 9 And blessed are all the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God
- 10 And blessed are all they who are persecuted for my name's sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11 And blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake;
- 12 For ye shall have great joy and be exceedingly glad, for great shall be your reward in heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets who were before you.
- 13 Verily, verily, I say unto you, I give unto you to be the salt of the earth; but if the salt shall lose its savor wherewith shall the earth be salted? The salt shall be thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out and to be trodden under foot of men.



14 Verily, verily, I say unto you, I give unto you to be the light of this people. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

15 Behold, do men light a candle and put it under a bushel? Nay, but on a candlestick, and it giveth light to all that are in the house;

16 Therefore let your light so shine before this people, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets. I am not come to destroy but to fulfil;

18 For verily I say unto you, one jot nor one tittle hath not passed away from the law, but in me it hath all been fulfilled.

19 And behold, I have given you the law and the commandments of my Father, that ye shall believe in me, and that ye shall repent of your sins, and come unto me with a broken heart and a contrite spirit. Behold, ye have the commandments before you, and the law is fulfilled.

20 Therefore come unto me and be ye saved; for verily I say unto you, that except ye shall keep my commandments, which I have commanded you at this time, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

21 Ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, and it is also written before you, that thou shalt not kill, and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment of God;

22 But I say unto you, that whosoever is angry with his brother shall be in danger of his judgment. And whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council; and whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

23 Therefore, if ye shall come unto me, or shall desire to come unto me, and rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee—

24 Go thy way unto thy brother, and first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come unto me with full purpose of heart, and I will receive you.

25 Agree with thine adversary quickly while thou art in the way with him, lest at any time he shall get thee, and thou shalt be cast into prison.

26 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, thou shalt by no means come out thence until thou hast paid the uttermost senine. And while ye are in prison can ye pay even one senine? Verily, verily, I say unto you, Nay.



#### JST- Matthew 5:29-34

29 Behold, it is written by them of old time, that thou shalt not commit adultery:

30 But I say unto you that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her, hath committed adultery already in his heart.

31 Behold, I give unto you a commandment, that ye suffer none of these things to enter into your heart, for it is better that ye should deny yourselves these things, wherein ye will take up your cross, than that ye should be cast into hell.

32 Wherefore, if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast *it* from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not *that* thy whole body should be cast into hell.

33 Or if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast *it* from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not *that* thy whole body should be cast into hell.

34 And now this I speak, a parable concerning your sins; wherefore, cast them from you, that you may not be hewn down and cast into the fire.

*[nothing on divorce as practiced anciently – 3 Nephi 11:31-32 is not applicable today]*

3 Nephi 12:33-39

33 And again it is written, thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths;

34 But verily, verily, I say unto you, swear not at all; neither by heaven, for it is God's throne;

35 Nor by the earth, for it is his footstool;

36 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair black or white;

37 But let your communication be Yea, yea; Nay, nay; for whatsoever cometh of more than these is evil.

38 And behold, it is written, an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth;

39 But I say unto you, that ye shall not resist evil [*react to offenses (JMT)*], but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also;

JST– Matt. 5:40-41

40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have it; and if he sue thee again, let him have thy cloak also.

41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him a mile; and whosoever shall compel thee to go with him twain, thou shalt go with him twain.

3 Nephi 12:42-45

42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn thou not away.

43 And behold it is written also, that thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy;

44 But behold I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them who despitefully use you and persecute you;

JST - Luke 6:29 - 30

29 And unto him who smiteth thee on the *one* cheek offer also the other; or, in other words, it is better to offer the other, than to revile again. And him who taketh away thy cloak, forbid not *to take thy* coat also.

30 For it is better that thou suffer thine enemy to take these things, than to contend with him. Verily I say unto you, Your Heavenly Father who seeth in secret, shall bring that wicked man into judgment.

Luke 6: 30-31

30 Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask *them* not again.

31 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

JST – Luke 6:33 (NTB, Herald Publishing)

33 For if ye love them only who love you, what reward have you? For sinners also do even the same.

Luke 6: 34-36

34 And if ye lend *to them* of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and *to* the evil.

36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.



3 Nephi 12: 45

45 That ye may be the children of your Father who is in heaven; for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good.

3 Nephi 12:48

48 Therefore I would that ye should be perfect even as I, or your Father who is in heaven is perfect.

3 Nephi 13:1-4

1 VERILY, verily, I say that I would that ye should do alms unto the poor; but take heed that ye do not your alms before men to be seen of them; otherwise ye have no reward of your Father who is in heaven.

2 Therefore, when ye shall do your alms do not sound a trumpet before you, as will hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward.

3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth. [*let it be unto thee as thy left hand not knowing what thy right hand doeth (JST Matt. 6:3)*]:

4 That thine alms may be in secret; and thy Father who seeth in secret, himself shall reward thee openly.

3 Nephi 13:5-8 (JST Matt. 6:7 corrects v. 7)

5 And when thou prayest thou shalt not do as the hypocrites, for they love to pray, standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward.

6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father who is in secret; and thy Father, who seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen, for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

8 Be not ye therefore like unto them, for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask him.

3 Nephi 13:9-15 (& JST Matt. 6:13-15 corrects verses 11-12,15)

9 After this manner therefore pray ye:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

10 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

11 Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

*[ And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. (JST Matt. 5:13) ]*

12 And suffer us not to be led into temptation, but deliver us from evil. *[JST Matt. 6:14]*

13 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

14 For, if ye forgive men their trespasses your heavenly Father will also forgive you;

15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses neither will your heavenly Father forgive your trespasses.

JST Luke 11:5

And he said unto them, Your heavenly Father will not fail to give unto you whatsoever ye ask of him. And he spake a parable, saying,

Luke 11:5-8

5 Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;

6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?

7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.

8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

3 Nephi 13:16-18

16 Moreover, when ye fast be not as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance, for they disfigure their faces that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward.

17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thy head, and wash thy face;

18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father, who is in secret; and thy Father, who seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

3 Nephi 13:19-24 [(JST Matt. 5:22 and Luke 11:37 correct v. 22)]

19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and thieves break through and steal;

20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.

21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

22 The light of the body is the eye; if, therefore, thine eye be single to the glory of God, thy whole body shall be full of light, [& JST Matt. 5:22]

[JST Luke 11:37] . . having no part dark, as when the bright shining of a candle lighteneth a room and doth give the light in all the room.

23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If, therefore, the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

24 No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and Mammon.

Luke 16:9 – 13 ??

9 ~~And~~ [But] I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.

10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

JST Matt. 6:25-26

25 And, again, I say unto you, go ye into the world, and care not for the world; for the world will hate you, and will persecute you, and will turn you out of their synagogues.

26 Nevertheless, ye shall go forth from house to house, teaching the people, and I will go before you.



JST Luke 12:31-32

32 . . Therefore, seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.

32 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father who is in heaven, knoweth that ye have need of these things.

33 And ye are sent unto them to be their ministers, and the labourer is worthy of his hire;

JST Matt. 6:27, 29-30, 34, 36-39

27. And your heavenly Father will provide for you, whatsoever things ye need for food, what ye shall eat; and for raiment, what ye shall wear or put on. . .

29 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? How much more will he not feed you?

30 Wherefore take no thought for these things, but keep my commandments wherewith I have commanded you. . .

34 Therefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, how much more will he not provide for you, if ye are not of little faith. . .

36 Why is it that ye murmur among yourselves, saying, We cannot obey thy words because ye have not all these things, and seek to excuse yourselves, saying that, After all these things do the Gentiles seek.

37 Behold, I say unto you, that your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

38 Wherefore, seek not the things of this world but seek ye first to build up the kingdom of God, and to establish his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

39 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day shall be the evil thereof.

Matt. 7:1-3 (verses 1-2 from JST)

1 Now these are the words which Jesus taught his disciples that they should say unto the people.

2 Judge not unrighteously, that ye be not judged, but judge righteous judgment.

3 For with what judgment ye shall judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

3 Nephi 14: 3-5

3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

4 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother: Let me pull the mote out of thine eye—and behold, a beam is in thine own eye?

5 Thou hypocrite, first cast the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast the mote out of thy brother's eye.

JST Matt. 7: 9-11

9 Go ye into all the world, saying unto all, Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come nigh unto you.

10. And the mysteries of the kingdom ye shall keep within yourselves; for it is not meet to give that which is holy unto the dogs; neither cast ye your pearls unto swine, lest they trample them under their feet.

11 For the world cannot receive that which ye, yourselves, are not able to bear; wherefore ye shall not give your pearls unto them, lest they turn again and rend you.

JST Matt. 7: 12-13, 17

12 Say unto them Ask of God; and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

13 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

17 What man among you, having a son, and he shall be standing out, and shall say, Father, open thy house that I may come in and sup with thee, will not say, Come in, my son; for mine is thine, and thine is mine?



3 Nephi 14: 9-11

9 Or what man is there of you, who, if his son ask bread, will give him a stone?

10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

JST Luke 11: 14 (v. 13 in KJ version)

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give good gifts, through the Holy Spirit, to them who ask him.

3 Nephi 14: 12

Therefore, all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them, for this is the law and the prophets.

3 Nephi 14: 13-14

13 Enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, which leadeth to destruction, and many there be who go in thereat;

14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

2 Nephi 14: 15-20

15 Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

20 Wherefore, by their fruits ye shall know them



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JST Matt 7:30-33

30 Verily I say unto you, it is not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven.

31 For the day soon cometh, that men shall come before me to judgment, to be judged according to their works.

32 And many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

33 And then will I say, ye never knew me; depart from me ye that work iniquity.



3 Nephi 14: 24-27

24 Therefore, whoso heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, who built his house upon a rock—

25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not, for it was founded upon a rock.

26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them not shall be likened unto a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand—

27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell, and great was the fall of it.



3 Nephi 15:1

And now it came to pass that when Jesus had ended these sayings he cast his eyes round about on the multitude, and said unto them: Behold, ye have heard the things which I taught before I ascended to my Father; therefore, whoso remembereth these sayings of mine and doeth them, him will I raise up at the last day.